

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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NEEDS DRIVING POWER.

The delay in investigating the Lahaina accident of nearly a month ago emphasizes the uselessness of the public utilities commission on its present basis.

Reorganization and revivification are needed if the commission is to accomplish anything constructive for the territory.

The commission has been in existence almost two years. It would have a hard task showing any real achievement in that period. A good deal of statistical matter has been secured and filed. Annual reports of corporations have been received and filed. Reports on accidents have been made and filed. In fact, everything has been filed—and so far as the public is aware, that ended the matter.

The commission is not particularly to blame. It has been headless for more than half its term of existence. After Chairman Mott-Smith resigned, the chairmanship remained vacant until Governor Pinkham on the last night of the legislative session of 1915 appointed Superintendent of Public Works Forbes to the position. Forbes soon after left for the mainland and will be gone for several weeks more. Another member of the commission, Mr. Williams, has been absent for a large part of the time. The commission has had no guiding force, no driving power. Yet it has potentialities for good.

Governor Pinkham was once credited with the remark that it wasn't good policy to fill the chairmanship of the commission—that the territory would do better to save the salary.

Unless the commission is galvanized into real life, the territory will do better to save all the salaries and the expenses for maintaining the office.

"GETTING WOOD."

The "dubious item" in Secretary Wood's accounts to which the morning paper mysteriously refers, is an item of \$225 spent by Mr. Wood in breaking a lease in San Francisco and saving very much more money for the committee. It is true that Mr. Wood has produced no voucher for this. The transaction was informal and probably the money was part of a polite "holdup" on the part of someone with influence with the landlord. To make this an excuse for "getting wood" is ridiculous. It will surprise the territory if the Promotion Committee as a whole sanctions any such action, whatever the individual fighters against Secretary Wood may seek to accomplish. Except for the fact that Secretary Wood is under unfair fire, he would be quite justified in insisting on resigning from connection with the committee if it continues to temporize and delay clean-cut action.

LET'S HAVE MORE.

Honoluluans coming forward to offer themselves as candidates for charter convention delegates are showing a gratifying public spirit. More—many more—are needed. It would be a misfortune if the convention were to be made up mostly of professional politicians. It would be a gain if a third of the membership had never sat as members of a political convention. To secure them now as charter convention members will be to interest them permanently in municipal politics and that is a sure gain.

Good men—the best men in Honolulu—are wanted for this important work of drafting Honolulu's new charter.

The state of New York for two months past

has been at work on a new constitution. Fortunately the state has the distinguished services of some of the best men in the public life of the nation. Elihu Root who, in spite of his age, is a strong presidential possibility, is one of them. He is recognized as one of the ablest men, in point of sheer intellect, in American public life today. He is chairman of the convention. George W. Wickesham, formerly attorney-general and held to be the strongest man in Taft's cabinet, is chairman of an important committee. Former Secretary of War Stimson, noted for his high political and social welfare standards, is a valuable member of the convention.

Honolulu should have the services of men who stand equally as high in the city's life and affairs as these men do in New York state. It will be an honor to serve in this charter convention and an honor to assist in moulding the form of the city's future. Here is an opportunity that calls for brains, social and ethical standards, intelligent grasp of current problems, vision for the future.

It appears from the correspondence between the governor and Colonel Jones, made public by the latter, that Colonel Jones could have secured reappointment as adjutant-general by handing the governor a provisional resignation. The colonel declined to do so, for which few will blame him, and has been supplanted. The "undated resignation" system is not new in territorial administration. It is, of course, useful in making it easy and certain for a governor to let out a subordinate when displeased with him. As it amounts to a club over the subordinate's head few department chiefs care to serve under such circumstances. Col. Jones doesn't.

Maj.-Gen. Wood, addressing a school for young men, urged military drill. Probably some volunteer savior of his country from the menace of militarism will telegraph a protest to the secretary of war. If so, there is a precedent for the secretary's reply. It was set in Hawaii.

"Italy shall be a name inscribed in letters of blood" is the little sentiment attributed to the German chancellor, who resents the Italian affiliation with the Allies. It might be remarked that Italy is already inscribing her name in letters of blood along the Austrian border.

The renaming of Culebra Cut in honor of that able and devoted gentleman, Col. Gaillard, is an appropriate tribute to his valuable services in the great work at Panama; and if the cut lives up to its new name it will behave itself hereafter and indulge in no more slides.—New York Sun.

It will be observed there is no complaint of the conduct of the Lusitania's crew. They were Britishers, as they must be in time of war, and they acted as Britishers should.—Portland Oregonian.

Though President Wilson is expected to do the right and courageous thing, there is a general feeling of satisfaction because he is not a hair-trigger man.—Chicago Daily News.

It is beginning to be more than a coincidence that the German Zeppelins always manage to drop bombs on Englishwomen.

Yes, a Shingle seems to be needed at the city hall.

OZAWA'S PLEA FOR CITIZENSHIP AGAIN DEFERRED

"Because I am not a lawyer, I do not know how to speak in the courts," said Takao Ozawa, a Japanese, to Judge Sanford B. Dole in federal court this morning when his petition for naturalization as an American citizen was called up for hearing.

Upon making this statement, Ozawa asked permission to read an argument which he had prepared, setting forth his reasons why the court should grant his petition. Judge Dole had offered to hear Ozawa argue the matter but Ozawa said he preferred to present the written statement.

"Your case depends on the legal point of whether Japanese shall be admitted to American citizenship under the statute which limits aliens who apply for admission to white persons or persons of African descent," said Judge Dole.

Ozawa's written argument was not read in court. The petitioner said that it cited a number of authorities on the question of the admission of Japanese. The argument will be taken under advisement by the court and the district attorney's office. The latter may present counter argument.

Takao Ozawa's application for admission was made in the local court several months ago. His witnesses were examined and discharged. At the first hearing of his petition he asked that he be given further time in which to study the naturalization laws. He is an employee of T. H. Davies & Co., and a graduate of a California university.

The case has been continued until the next naturalization day.

Little linen suits with bloomers to match make cool, neat traveling clothes for little people and suits of this kind will keep their freshness much longer than finer, prettier dresses.

HUNDREDS GO TO ODD FELLOWS BIG PICNIC AT LINKS

To the strains of a lively quickstep played by the Hawaiian band, several hundred persons left the palace grounds at 9:15 o'clock this morning for the Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' picnic which is in full swing at the Moanalua golf links this afternoon. Buses left the city for the grounds every hour up until 3 o'clock. It is estimated that more than 1000 persons are attending the picnic.

At noon the picnickers sat down to a basket luncheon. Hundreds of bottles of soda water and hundreds of ice cream cornucopias were furnished by the Rebekahs. This afternoon a program of sports is being carried out and dancing indulged in at the pavilion.

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts signed the bill for completing the dry dock in South Boston.

Commodore Mahan Speaks Out For the Fullest Respect For Our Flag

Honolulu, May 29, 1915.
My Dear Mr. Editor: Since living here I have observed with much pleasure the education of the children in the matter of respecting Our Flag. I was pleased with the cheers to Our Flag given by the Ad Club at the parade during the carnival, and with the shouts of "Hats off to the flag!" But I have noticed with much chagrin the unintentional disrespect to Our Flag where it is used for purposes of decoration. Today in several stores Our Flag is used to cover the floor of show windows; in others various articles are piled on Our Flag—a desecration unintended.

In the services Our Flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the deck but is gathered in the arms of a man detailed for that purpose.

We have reached what may be the greatest crisis in our existence, following a demand for respect to Our Flag. How can we expect such respect from others if we do not extend it ourselves?

Yours very truly,
DENNIS H. MAHAN,
Commodore, United States Navy.

WANT BEST MEN REGARDLESS OF PARTY BELIEFS

But the Republican Party Organization Is Keeping Eye on Charter Election

Precinct organization by the Republican party for the selection of capable non-partisan candidates as delegates to the city charter convention, is the plan of the Republican territorial central committee as advocated by its chairman, Lorin Andrews.

"We don't want the idea to go out that the Republican party is trying to make this charter convention a Republican affair," Andrews said today, "but the Republican party drafted and introduced this bill providing for the convention, and is in duty bound to see that the convention is a success. Had we desired a partisan affair we would not have provided in the bill that no mention be made on the ballot at the special election July 6 of party affiliations. What we want is that precinct heads call public meetings and that the strongest men in each precinct, regardless of party affiliations, be given support."

A letter is being sent out to each precinct leader as follows:

"Please call a meeting of the precinct association to meet on June 9, 1915, at the hour of 7:30 in the evening, giving public notice of the place of said meeting to the secretary of the county committee at least three days before the date of the meeting, so that the same can be advertised by the county committee, which meeting shall be for the purpose of nominating and selecting delegates to represent your precinct at the charter convention election to be held in the city and county of Honolulu on July 6, 1915. The Republican party being responsible for the convention and for its success, it has been decided that it was its duty to nominate a regular ticket in each precinct, which shall be the organization's Republican candidate for that precinct, to be voted for at the election on July 6.

Republican Party Responsible.
"The Republican party has been responsible in this territory for all measures inaugurating local self-government. It created county government and gave a charter to the city of Honolulu. The people have now demanded the right to remake that charter, and the Republican party has given them this opportunity by means of this convention, which should represent the wishes of the people in regard to how they should be governed. Follow instructions.

"At the meeting to be held on June 9, you will call for nominations, and upon these nominations being made a motion to close nominations will be in order, and if more than the necessary number of candidates have been nominated for delegates, you will then and there hold an election by ballot among the members of the precinct club present, and the required number of candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the regular Republican nominees, and the secretary of the precinct organization shall report the result of the election of delegates to the secretary of the county committee at once, so that proper nomination papers can be made out for these candidates and filed in the county clerk's office, as provided for by law, more than twenty (20) days before the election.

"Do not fail in this matter, as it is of great importance that every precinct should be represented at the convention by men thoroughly fitted to do the work in question."

The strike of 1000 carpenters and builders at Woolwich Arsenal, England, ended when the contractors promised to negotiate with the union officials to the end that the questions be arbitrated.

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Kunawai Lane..... 3 "..... 20.00

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Personal Mention

DR. H. V. MURRAY will leave on the Sierra June 5 for a short vacation.

SENATOR JAMES L. COKE is back from a business trip to Maui. He was a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea today.

JAMES L. McLEAN of the Inter-Island has completed a business tour of the island of Hawaii and Maui. He returned in the steamer Mauna Kea today.

J. N. S. WILLIAMS, a member of the fair commission and the public utilities commission, leaves either today or Wednesday for a six weeks' visit on the Big Island.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CAPT. HENRY REILLY: You will have to hand it to the Sultan of Turkey if it is true as reported that he can hold a strait against three kings.

—GILBERT BROWN, outdoor expert of the Promotion Committee: If anybody is anxious to see some sharks let him come along on the big hunt next Sunday.

RUPERT MATTHEWS of the U. S. S. Alert has filed in the federal court notice of application for American citizenship. He is a native of Newfoundland.

CAPT. J. T. ROLLS: Had the port of Honolulu been provided with an oil barge, the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara would not have been delayed for hours in taking fuel to carry it to Vancouver.

—CHANG CHAU: You can say for me that Yuan Shih-Kai is a traitor. Yes, China is ashamed of backing down before Japan, but if Yuan had done the right thing during the three years of his administration, China could say to Japan, "You get out of the way." China is ashamed because her head is rotten.

—MAYOR LANE: I have conferred with the recreation and playgrounds committee of the Associated Charities relative to the request of the National Recreation League, which convenes in San Francisco July 5, for the sending of a Hawaiian delegate. I am waiting for advice from the committee before acting further in the matter.

—CHARLES F. CHILLINGWORTH: The appointment of Colonel Samuel Johnson to the responsible office of adjutant general of the Hawaiian National Guard will meet with the heartiest approval of officers and men connected with the organization. Colonel Johnson has the essential qualifications for the position, and is generally popular with officers and men in the ranks.

Dainty laces should be washed in the following way if you would keep their fresh, new look: Purchase 4 cents' worth of benzoline; this spirit is highly inflammable, so should be kept away from artificial light or fire. Take two basins and into each put a little of the benzoline. Dip the lace into one, douse it up and down, then squeeze gently and dip in the second lot of benzoline; by then all the dirt will have dropped out. Shake the lace; it will dry in a few minutes and look like new.

If the wire mattress becomes rusty, try rubbing it with paraffin; then dry thoroughly and give both sides a coat of black lacquer.

The top crust of pie may be improved by brushing over with water and then sprinkling with granulated sugar. This improves the appearance and makes it brown and crisp.

When filling cracks in the wall with plaster of paris the plaster will not set so quickly if one part flour is added to three parts of the dry plaster. Thoroughly mix this before wetting.



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Lieut. Commander Robert L. Berry, in command of the presidential yacht Mayflower, was appointed naval aide to the president, succeeding Lieut. commander Needham Jones, who is ill.

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